

**APPENDIX 5A**

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**Farmland Rating Form and Correspondence**



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Dear Heidi,

The enclosed NRCS-CPA-106 Rating sheets for Prime and Important Farmland are completed as requested.

Thank you for the input. It has been compared to NRCS information using the Prime Farmland Rule and local soil surveys to complete our parts of the form. Please let me know if there are questions.

Sincerely,

  
Ray Grow

**HDR**

REC.: JUN 13 2008

PROJ.: \_\_\_\_\_

FILE.: \_\_\_\_\_

DIST.: \_\_\_\_\_



**FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING  
FOR CORRIDOR TYPE PROJECTS**

<b>PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>		3. Date of Land Evaluation Request	5/15/08	4. Sheet 1 of	1
1. Name of Project		5. Federal Agency Involved			
Mountain View Corridor		FHWA			
2. Type of Project		6. County and State			
Roadway		Utah County, Utah			
<b>PART II (To be completed by NRCS)</b>		1. Date Request Received by NRCS	2. Person Completing Form		
3. Does the corridor contain prime, unique statewide or local important farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - Do not complete additional parts of this form).		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	4. Acres Irrigated	Average Farm Size
5. Major Crop(s)	6. Farmable Land in Government Jurisdiction		7. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA		
	Acres: %		Acres: %		
8. Name Of Land Evaluation System Used	9. Name of Local Site Assessment System		10. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS		

<b>PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>	Alternative Corridor For Segment			
	Corridor A	Corridor B	Corridor C	Corridor D
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly	241	152	181	
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly, Or To Receive Services	73	10	82	
C. Total Acres In Corridor	314	162	263	0

<b>PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information</b>	Corridor A	Corridor B	Corridor C	Corridor D
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland	180	120	139	
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland	61	32	52	
C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	
D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value	< 0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1	

<b>PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information Criterion Relative value of Farmland to Be Serviced or Converted (Scale of 0 - 100 Points)</b>	Corridor A	Corridor B	Corridor C	Corridor D
	88	88	88	

<b>PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Corridor Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(c))</b>	Maximum Points	Corridor A	Corridor B	Corridor C	Corridor D
1. Area in Nonurban Use	15	10	6	8	
2. Perimeter in Nonurban Use	10	9	6	7	
3. Percent Of Corridor Being Farmed	20	10	8	9	
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government	20	10	10	10	
5. Size of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average	10	6	6	6	
6. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland	25	12	9	12	
7. Availability Of Farm Support Services	5	3	3	3	
8. On-Farm Investments	20	10	10	10	
9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	25	15	15	15	
10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	10	5	5	5	
<b>TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>	Maximum Points	Corridor A	Corridor B	Corridor C	Corridor D
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)	100	88	88	88	
Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)	160	90	78	85	0
<b>TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>0</b>

1. Corridor Selected: <b>B</b>	2. Total Acres of Farmlands to be Converted by Project: 152	3. Date Of Selection: June 11, 2008	4. Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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5. Reason For Selection:  
**Least wetland impacts, least cost, least home and business relocations, least farmland impacts.**

Signature of Person Completing this Part: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Complete a form for each segment with more than one Alternate Corridor**

**FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING  
FOR CORRIDOR TYPE PROJECTS**

<b>PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>		3. Date of Land Evaluation Request <b>5/15/08</b>	4. Sheet 1 of <b>1</b>
1. Name of Project <b>Mountain View Corridor</b>		5. Federal Agency Involved <b>FHWA</b>	
2. Type of Project <b>Roadway</b>		6. County and State <b>Salt Lake and Utah Counties, Utah</b>	
<b>PART II (To be completed by NRCS)</b>		1. Date Request Received by NRCS	2. Person Completing Form
3. Does the corridor contain prime, unique statewide or local important farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - Do not complete additional parts of this form). YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		4. Acres Irrigated   Average Farm Size	
5. Major Crop(s)	6. Farmable Land in Government Jurisdiction Acres: %		7. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: %
8. Name Of Land Evaluation System Used	9. Name of Local Site Assessment System		10. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS

<b>PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>	Alternative Corridor For Segment			
	Corridor A	Corridor B	Corridor C	Corridor D
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly	<b>304</b>			
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly, Or To Receive Services	<b>76</b>			
C. Total Acres In Corridor	<b>380</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information</b>	
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland	<b>492</b>
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland	<b>178</b>
C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted	<b>20.1</b>
D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value	<b>20.1</b>

<b>PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information Criterion Relative value of Farmland to Be Serviced or Converted (Scale of 0 - 100 Points)</b>	
	<b>85</b>

<b>PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Corridor Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(c))</b>	Maximum Points				
1. Area in Nonurban Use	15	9			
2. Perimeter in Nonurban Use	10	6			
3. Percent Of Corridor Being Farmed	20	9			
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government	20	9			
5. Size of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average	10	6			
6. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland	25	11			
7. Availability Of Farm Support Services	5	3			
8. On-Farm Investments	20	12			
9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	25	15			
10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	10	5			
<b>TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>					
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)	100	<b>85</b>			
Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)	160	<b>85</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

1. Corridor Selected: <b>To be determined</b>	2. Total Acres of Farmlands to be Converted by Project: <b>670</b>	3. Date Of Selection: <b>June 11, 2008</b>	4. Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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5. Reason For Selection:

Signature of Person Completing this Part:

DATE

**NOTE: Complete a form for each segment with more than one Alternate Corridor**



Natural Resources Conservation Service

P.O. Box 2890 Washington, D.C. 20013

APR 30 1999

SUBJECT: LNU - Field Office Workload Reduction - Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA)

TO: Regional Conservationists State Conservationists

File Code: 410

This addresses item #12 of the Chief's July 15, 1998, letter on Field Office Workload Reduction regarding the administrations of the FPPA. It recommended to stop making determinations under the FPPA where local zoning takes precedence, specifically, for bridge replacement, road widening, new roads, and for conversion less than one acre. We have reviewed the request and agree that in most cases, this action results in an unnecessary workload and paperwork.

In 7 CFR Part 658, section 658.2 (a) defines farmland as prime and unique or of statewide or local importance. It does not include land already in or committed to urban development or water storage. Section 658.4 (a) also indicates that an agency may determine whether or not a site is farmland or request Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) to make that determination on form AD-1006.

It is not irrational to assume that when funds have already been committed for utilities, water lines, and road replacement and widening, the land is committed to development and can be exempt from having to make a determination. We also recognize that the last farm syndrome in town is not enough to support an agricultural infrastructure, or if it is, not for very long. This syndrome may be tantamount to preserving green or open space which is a local issue and decision. It can be strongly argued and supported by most processes used by local units of government to assess the conversion commitments, that farmland in the above situations does not fit the definition of farmland as defined in the FPPA implementing regulations.

Thus, pending a proposed action to have an interagency task force to review and propose modifications to both the FPPA statute and the codified rules, I am suspending the requirement to make determinations on farmland that is already committed to development through local actions.

If you have further questions, please call Fen C. Hunt at (202) 720-7671.

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cc: Joan Comanor, Director, RCCD, NRCS, Washington, D.C.  
Fen Hunt, Land Use Planner, RCCD, NRCS, Washington, D.C.

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**Ulrich, Carrie L.**

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**From:** Spoor, Heidi K.  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2007 4:46 PM  
**To:** Ulrich, Carrie L.  
**Subject:** FW: MVC - Farmlands

**From:** Henline, Judy - Salt Lake City, UT [mailto:Judy.Henline@ut.usda.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 10, 2005 11:45 AM  
**To:** Spoor, Heidi K.  
**Subject:** RE: MVC - Farmlands

Hi Heidi,

The letter is still applicable. I haven't seen any new guidance.

Judy

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Spoor, Heidi K. [mailto:Heidi.Spoor@hdrinc.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 10, 2005 11:40 AM  
**To:** Henline, Judy - Salt Lake City, UT  
**Subject:** FW: MVC - Farmlands

Hi Judy,

I'm working on farmlands section of the Mountain View Corridor EIS. I'm wondering if you can tell me whether the attached determination letter is still applicable, or has the NRCS put new guidance in place? Thanks for any information you can provide.

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Rec'd from Saratoga Springs  
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October 17, 2005

Mr. Ken Leetham, AICP  
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RE: Saratoga Springs Future Planning

Dear Mr. Leetham:

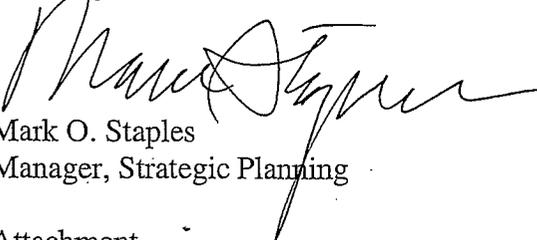
Thank you for the opportunity of visiting with you regarding the holdings of the LDS Church which are currently within the city limits of Saratoga Springs and those which will be annexed in the future. Attached is a map of said properties for your reference.

At the present time, we continue to farm these properties. We would appreciate having our properties considered within all future city analysis regarding municipal services such as culinary water, sanitary sewer, secondary irrigation systems, master storm drainage and transportation planning.

We will continue our agricultural operations in the near term, but would expect that in the years to come our property will need to be considered as part of the solutions for the expected growth in the area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Mark O. Staples  
Manager, Strategic Planning

Attachment

cc: Brian Carrington  
Brent Chugg  
Kevin Neild

# Lehi UT Crops

